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GROWTH OF A MERCHANT FLEET -- Borta, No 37, 13 Feb 49

The Jugoslovenska Linijska Plovidba (Yugoslav Navigation Line), founded in February 1947, began operations with 16 ships, some barely fit for sailing and most requiring major repairs. Since then the line has received the Borna, the Sabac, the Vis, and the Topusko as reparations and purchased the Radnik and the Partizanka. The gross registered tonnage of the line has increased by 34.6 percent.

When refitting ships, the line has endeavored to provide comfortable quarters for the crew.

The line now operates regular lines to and from northern Europe (20 days) Turkey (15 days), Israel (20 days), and North America (2 months). The SS Rednik and the SS Partizanka also operate to South America and Australia. On three lines operated by this enterprise, 17 more voyages were made and 79.8 percent more tonnage utilized in 1948 than in 1947.

The 1948 passenger plan was fulfilled 113.26 percent. The SS Partizanka brought 2,853 returning emigrants to Yugoslavia in 1948 and the SS Radnik brought back 1,460.

Several large new ships, some of which are now under construction in Yugoslav shipyards, will be added to the line during 1949 and 1950.

ANOTHER SHIP RAISED -- Borda, No 41, 17 Feb 49

Rijeka -- The "Brodospas" (Ship Salvage) enterprise has raised a large ocean-going ship sunk by the Italians near Dubrovnik in 1943 at the time of the Italian surrender. The ship had been lying near the shore at a depth of 10 to 12 meters. Salvage operations were very hazardous because of the 90 carloads of munitions aboard the ship.

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SHIPS FOR FISHING INDUSTRY -- Slobodna Dalmacija, No 1251, 4 Feb 49

The workers' collective of the shipyard in Martinscica, Dalmatia, which launched the Martinscica, largest wooden ship in Yugoslavia, has begun construction of refrigerator ships for the Yugoslav fishing industry.

DALMATIAN AUTO ENTERPRISE -- Slobodna Dalmacija, No 1254, 6 Feb 49

During 1948, vehicles of the Oblast Auto-Poduzece (Oblast Auto Enterprise) of Sibenik covered 122,310 kilometers of road and transported about 5,000 tons of merchandise and baggage and about 65,000 passengers. About 700 major and minor repairs on busses and trucks were made in workshops of the enterprises.

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